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Application of:

RANEY, Charles C. et al.

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WEB OR SHEET-FED APPARATUS  
HAVING HIGH-SPEED MECHANISM  
FOR SIMULTANEOUS X, Y AND  $\theta$   
REGISTRATION

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Examiner: Clark F. Dexter

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231.

Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the office action dated October 3, 2002, amendment and reconsideration of the above application is requested.

Abstract

Please replace the abstract with the following rewritten abstract:

(Amended) Web processing apparatus (30, 300) is provided for high speed, extremely accurate die cutting or lamination operations. Processing station (32, 300) includes a vacuum hold down plate (32, 308) which receives and holds an image bearing incremental segment of the web. In feed and out feed tension on the web is released while a segment of the web is held by the hold down plate. The hold down plate with a segment of the web thereon is selectively shifted about X, Y and  $\theta$  axis as required to bring the image on the web segment into alignment with a web processing component at the processing station.